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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 1975, inquiring about some of our Soviet and Chinese studies. We are delighted to hear that Dr. Mahler has asked you to extend your term of service on the WHO Advisory Committee for Medical Research and to examine ways of amplifying the application of contemporary biomedical science to the special needs of world rural health. We will be happy to send you, under separate cover, copies of the documents which you requested.

I am not personally aware of any work on the microbiological validation of the procedures for handling excreta in China. There is a Dr. Gerald Winfield who has served in China for many years who is very interested in the subject and he may have recent information on it. He may be reached at Department of State, Agency International Development, Room 210, RPE PHA/POP/MI, Washington, DC 20523.

I am sorry that I am not in a position to respond positively to the questions mentioned in your last paragraph, namely, those referring to disinfecting drugs mentioned in the Barefoot Doctor's Manual, the indexing of plants in chapter 8, or the efficacy of arsenic.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

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